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REMARKS

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24 June 1949.

1. The following observations were made in STENDAL (A 53/Y 85).

a. Large Building on Moltkestrasse: (\*) A high unit headquarters or kommandantura headquarters, which was previously located in the Polizei Kaserne. A tank colonel was chief of staff of the headquarters, to which about 250 officers and SA were assigned. The building was guarded by MVD troops.

b. Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne: (\*\*) Headquarters of an infantry division, with about 150 officers and about as many NCOs and SM. General POPOV was said to be division commander. In addition to infantry officers, many signal officers were seen with the headquarters.

c. Hindenburg Kaserne: A signal battalion of about five hundred men. Telephone construction crews were seen training in the training area west of the kaserne.

previously unused sections of the kasern were reconditioned for occupation by new troops.

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d. Laurentzien Kaserne: About three hundred tank recruits, 18 to 20 years of age, who were said to have been quartered there since April 1949. Eight or nine, self-propelled guns on "T 34" chassis, with one 76.2 mm antitank gun coupled to each self-propelled gun, were observed at the Kaserne yard. 170 to 180 new three-axle trucks were sheltered in seven long garages. 50X1-HUM

e. Former Reit- und Fahrschule: Motorized unit of about 250 men. Eight cantonment buildings at the Kaserne yard sheltered motor vehicles, mostly three-axle trucks. The troops seen in the Kaserne area were red-bordered, red epaulets. 50X1-HUM

f. A convoy of 35 new three-axle trucks hauling 76.2-mm anti-tank guns was seen proceeding from Ulm in the direction of Ulm (M 53/Y 84) in the afternoon of 24 June 1949. Each truck, marked "G T" on the sidewalls, was occupied by about ten young soldiers. 50X1-HUM

1 to 7 July 1949

2. a. An officers' meeting was held in the former Oberlyzeum (high school) of Ulm on 26 June 1949 (\*\*\*). A Genleit, accompanied by a tank colonel, was seen at the school entrance. 50X1-HUM

b. Seven artillery officers and about 120 artillery troops from Ulm (M 53/Z 15) arrived in Ulm aboard a regular train on 1 July 1949. The troops, carrying full pack, marched to the Albrecht-der-Daer Kaserne. 50X1-HUM

c. A convoy of the following composition left Ulm in the direction of Ulm (M 53/Y 44) at about 8 p.m. on 3 July 1949:

passenger car, occupied by 4 officers 50X1-HUM  
truck with field kitchen  
4 signal trucks each occupied by four 50X1-HUM  
soldiers

trucks, each occupied by 25 soldiers with weapons and baggage. 50X1-HUM

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d. A convoy of five trucks, each occupied by 25 troops with baggage and weapons (including two heavy machine guns), left STENDAAL in the direction of MADDEBURG about noon on 5 July 1949. [REDACTED]

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e. A truck convoy was observed leaving STENDAAL for an unknown destination at 8 p.m. on 7 July 1949. [REDACTED] The trucks [REDACTED] carried troops and equipment [REDACTED]

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f. The point of departure and destination of another truck convoy observed in STENDAAL at 8:15 p.m. on the same day were unknown [REDACTED] These trucks also carried troops and equipment. [REDACTED]

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g. Another truck convoy left STENDAAL in the direction of GARDOLLEN at 9 p.m. on the same day. [REDACTED]

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Some trucks had box-like superstructures (allegedly signal trucks).

Comments:

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(\*) a. A "headquarters area" is known to be located on Moltkestrasse, STENDAAL. A "high unit headquarters", presumably a "corps headquarters", was reported to be located on Jeglinger Forst, STENDAAL, in September 1948. The "high unit headquarters on Moltkestrasse" possibly was HQ LXXIX Ltz Rifle Corps. This assumption is corroborated by the observation of a tank colonel as this headquarters' chief of staff. (Col. CHILMILIN was Chief of Staff of the LXXIX Ltz Rifle Corps [REDACTED])

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(\*\*) b. The observation of an "infantry division headquarters" in the STENDAAL Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne confirms the STENDAAL headquarters of the 207th Ltz Rifle Div until 24 June 1949. General POPOV was reported to be the "senior officer" of the STENDAAL military post in early June 1949 [REDACTED]

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General POPOV has been assumed to be CG of the 207th Ltz Rifle Div. It appears quite credible, however, that General POPOV may be the CG of the 207th Ltz Rifle Div [REDACTED]

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c. The observations made in STENDAL in late May and early June 1949 (change in the occupation of STENDAL) indicate that the units from STENDAL post (component units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div) left for maneuvers, first in the area east of the Elbe River, and then at the Letzling Heath. This assumption is supported by the above report.

(\*\*\*) The officers' meeting observed in the STENDAL Oberlyzeum is interpreted as a conference on maneuvers, with the CG of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div participating.

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